

PATROL NEWS

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"Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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From the Staff ...

Major Timothy P. McGrail
Technical Services Bureau



In August 2013, the last troop—Troop F—switched over to the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN). MOSWIN is a highly technical, complex system that utilizes the combination of VHF and 700Mhz frequencies as part of a trunked radio network. It is administered by the Department of Public Safety and supported by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Patrol is the primary user, but there are over 500 other public safety agencies and a total of over 17,000 radios on the new system. The purpose of the upgraded communications system is to utilize trunked solutions, high-band radio spectrum, and digital technologies to provide a more interoperable, flexible, and reliable system.

Previously, the Patrol used a 60-year-old, low-band radio system which had grown obsolete. It lacked much of what MOSWIN can provide today and the capability of future technical growth. However, this change does not come without its ups and downs. Some problems identified are understanding the new system, consistent network connectivity, and sufficient towers. On the plus side, troopers and operators have commented on the improved level of voice audio quality and the ability to communicate with other users in their talk group across multiple sites.

At the recent troop meetings, I spoke briefly on MOSWIN and explained it took 60 years for Patrol communications to improve the system by finding the gaps where repeaters and additional towers were needed. It will take some time to fine tune MOSWIN, but in the end, this will be an advanced interoperable public safety communications system that will benefit all using it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy P. McGrail". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Timothy" on the top line and "P. McGrail" on the bottom line.

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Driver's Safety Record Honored

By Lt. Bruce D. Fiske, Troop I

On Friday, July 26, 2013, Troop I members Lieutenant Steve P. Davis and Lieutenant Bruce D. Fiske, joined employees at the Walmart distribution center in St. James, MO, to honor Harold Wallace for driving three million traffic crash-free miles with Walmart. According to Walmart authorities, this milestone is only achieved by one percent of drivers nationwide. For this accomplishment, Mr. Wallace was presented a custom built 2014 Freightliner Cascadia. Numerous distinguished guests were on hand at the ceremony, including representatives from Congressman Jason Smith's office, Freightliner Truck Centers, Hutcheson Ford in St. James, MoDOT, and the St. James mayor. Representative Tom Hurst, from Missouri's 62nd District, was also in attendance and presented Mr. Wallace with a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives.



This group gathered to honor Mr. Harold Wallace (center) for driving three million miles without a traffic crash.

Cover

Capt. Lance MacLaughlin, Q/BPD, prepares to go "Over The Edge" for Special Olympics. (inset) Lt. Col. Sandra Karsten, Q/ASO, rappels for Special Olympics Missouri. Story on page 21.

Patrol Mustang Draws Attention At Car Shows

By Sgt. Mike Watson, Troop D

The era of the Special Service Package (SSP) Ford Mustang for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, considering the age of the organization, was short lived. The Patrol purchased Mustangs from 1988 until 1993, when the last 25 were assigned to the road. In all, only 71 of the then-high performance, two-door police vehicles were put in service for Missouri troopers. Low numbers compared to over 2,500 Mustangs the California Highway Patrol utilized during Ford Motor Company's building of the vehicle, which lasted from 1982 until 1993.

A search of the Internet regarding these vehicles will result in a myriad of web sites devoted to owners who have restored the SSP Mustangs. One of the proud owners is Corporal Jason R. Cornett, Troop D, who is assigned to Newton and McDonald counties. Cpl. Cornett purchased his 1993 Mustang, originally owned by the Patrol, during the summer 2012, and has worked over the last year to restore it as it was when it first rolled out of the Patrol garage in Jefferson City. Purchased by the state for \$11,567, P#221 was placed in service on April 28, 1993, and assigned to now retired Corporal Michael R. Watson, who was assigned to Troop I.

After approximately one year, the vehicle was re-assigned to now retired Sergeant Richard L. Lisenbe, also assigned to Troop I. In 1996, the vehicle was removed from the Patrol's fleet and sold to the Laclede County (MO) Sheriff's Office. It traded hands twice more in Missouri before being purchased by Cpl. Cornett from Sergeant Jason H. Glendenning, Troop I. Cpl. Cornett said the car had about 140,000 miles and the paint and engine were in good condition when he bought it last year.

After contacting many fire and police departments in Southwest Missouri on his off-duty time, he located most of what he needed to re-stock the Mustang with original equipment,

such as, the light bar, RADAR unit, and two-way radios. Throughout the process, Cpl. Cornett relied on a network of other SSP Mustang owners for help with questions and locating small items not readily available in his area. He says the car runs strong, all the equipment

is in the original location, and the only item on the "to do" list would be to possibly repaint it at some time.

A Patrol history buff, Cpl. Cornett says he enjoys taking it to car shows and local parades. "Many times, people—when they see the car—will



Cpl. Jason Cornett, Troop D, says his Special Service Package (SSP) Ford Mustang patrol car gets a lot of attention at car shows.

bypass several high dollar cars just to talk to me. It makes a great public relations tool," he said.

More information on the Special Service Package Ford Mustang can be found on www.sspmustang.org or www.specialservicemustang.net.

BRANSON, MO, HOSTS 1962 RECRUIT CLASS REUNION

By Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Cooper

The 25th Recruit Class held their reunion this year on September 9-10, in Branson. Ret. Sgt. Larry Cooper said, "We had a great time, but the group gets smaller each year." Nine classmates gathered at the Ramada Inn and attended a show at the Legends in Concert. "We furnished the theatre a CD (at their request) with photos of all of us when we graduated, and the theatre showed it during intermission," said Sgt. Cooper. The group also attended the Three Redneck Tenors Show and The Todd Oliver Show. Their hotel welcomed the group with a message on its marquee about the reunion.



The 25th Recruit Class (1962) enjoyed a meal at the Longhorn Restaurant during their reunion. Pictured are: Ret. Sgt. M. Rex Barnett, Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Cooper, Ret. Capt. David L. Cook, Ret. Sgt. Myron Garrett, Ret. Sgt. Bill H. Patterson, Ret. Tpr. Mickey D. Mason, Ret. Sgt. Jim C. Gilmore, Ret. Capt. Sherrill E. East, and Ret. Sgt. Harold D. Shelton.

Honor Flight Brings Reunion In More Ways Than One

By Sgt. Doug B. McPike, Troop F

I have had the opportunity to be involved with numerous Honor Flight details over the last few years, and each has been an amazing experience. One detail, however, facilitated a reunion of sorts for me and a retired member.

You see, about 20 years ago, while working a stormy, late shift, I was called to a vehicle off the road. I arrived on the scene to find the car occupied by then retired Lieutenant Colonel (and my first troop commander) Bill Smith and his wife. I contacted Lt. Colonel Smith in the middle of a downpour and invited him and his wife into my car. He accepted the offer and commented how nice it was to have a trooper there, especially one he knew. I called for a wrecker and then gave Lt. Col. Smith and his wife a ride to Mexico.

I called Troop F radio and told them who was involved. The desk sergeant, who happened to be Sergeant Ray Magruder (now retired), asked that I call him right away. For you young readers, this was back in the day before cellular phones made us all accessible anywhere, anytime. We actually had to drive to a place that had a telephone, so we could make a call. I drove to the wrecker facility and phoned Sgt. Magruder. He told me Lt. Col. Smith's mother had just been taken to the hospital in Moberly, MO, and that her condition was dire. He asked me to inform Lt. Col. Smith of his mother's condition and then drive him and Mrs. Smith to Moberly.

I informed Lt. Col. and Mrs. Smith of the situation and told them to buck-

le up and hold on. I then proceeded to drive them to the hospital as fast as the weather would allow. Unfortunately, we arrived at the hospital a few min-

As the ceremonies continued inside the Marriott, several of us found Lt. Col. Smith in the crowd and introduced (and reintroduced) ourselves to him and thanked him for his service, both to the military and the Patrol. We also found Mrs.

Smith and thanked her. At one point, Mrs. Smith began telling us of an experience she had some 20 years ago in which a young trooper helped her and her husband after they had driven off the road. She related the story of her mother-in-law being in the hospital and said she wished she knew who that young trooper was that helped them so many years ago. Now, those of you who know me are thinking, "young trooper!?" Well, considering it was 20 years ago ... even I was young then.

Words cannot fully describe the feeling that came over me when I realized what trooper she was talking about. I told Mrs. Smith that I was the officer that night and tears filled her eyes as she hugged me and thanked me again.

What a blessing it was to have been that officer that night; to have been involved with the Honor Flight detail this night; and for retired Lt. Col. Smith to be one of the many veterans on the Honor Flight.

Never underestimate what a difference you make as a Missouri State Highway Patrol road trooper, and what an opportunity you have to make a lasting impression on someone with whom you come into contact.



Sgt. Doug McPike, Troop F, is seen with (l) retired Lt. Col. and (r) Mrs. Bill Smith. (Photo courtesy of Sergeant Matt J. Broniec, Troop F.)

utes too late. However, Lt. Col. Smith thanked me for my efforts and even sent a card to my home a few days later expressing his gratitude.

Returning to July 2, 2013 ... I again had the opportunity, along with numerous other Troop F members, to be involved in a Central Missouri Honor Flight detail. We helped escort the war veterans from Kingdom City, MO, to Columbia, MO, and then helped escort the veterans from the buses inside the Marriott Hotel. Little did we know that retired Lt. Col. Smith would be on one of the buses.

New Employees



Marcie J. Abbey
Criminalist I
Q/CLD



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Clerk Typist III
Q/DDCC



Nanilehua O. Wilde
DE I
Troop D



Wayne R. Williams
Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. I
Troop G

December

Dec. 3	● Tpr. F.L. Walker died in 1941.
Dec. 7	● Tpr. V.O. Dosing died in 1941.
Dec. 12	● Tpr. R.S. Creach died in 1943.
Dec. 25	● Cpl. D.E. Engelhard died in 2009.
Dec. 25	● Christmas Day

Tough Mudders Show True Grit

By Comm. Oper. III David C. Moyers, Troop H

On September 21, 2013, Communications Operator III David C. Moyers and Trooper Travis N. Garton, both Troop H, participated in the 2013 Tough Mudder, a 12-mile obstacle course in Topeka, KS. Tough Mudder serves as a fundraiser for Wounded Warrior Project, and has raised over \$6.5 million for this worthwhile cause.

Comm. Oper. III Moyers is a retired U.S. Navy chief and Tpr. Garton is a staff sergeant in the Missouri National Guard at Harrisonville, MO. The course was a grueling 12 miles with 25 obstacles spaced a half mile to one mile apart. The event took place at the Heartland Park raceway, so participants ran uphill, downhill, and around hills. The obstacles consisted of anything from crawling through mud tunnels to climbing high walls caked with mud and sliding back down. Further obstacles provided ice water dips, a 15-foot walk-the-plank into muddy water, to electrical shock treatment in a muddy pit designed by British SAS to challenge one's every mental fear and physical stamina. It was not a race, but

Pictured are (l to r) Tough Mudder participants Ms. Julie Felt, Mr. Ray Staggs, and Mr. Curtis Lane, all of St. Joseph, MO, and Comm. Oper. III David Moyers, Troop H, at the finish line.



a challenge to just finish, especially for 62-year-old David Moyers (a.k.a. Muscle Head). Smiles at the end were for satisfaction of completion or perhaps, "I am glad this is over."

"People asked me how fast I ran it in," said Tpr. Garton. "But, Tough Mudder isn't really that kind of race.

Comm. Oper. III Moyers climbs over the climbing wall at mile number three of the Tough Mudder in Topeka, KS.

The obstacles affect this. When you get to an obstacle, you usually have to stand in line for your turn. I waited 30 minutes at one of them. Tough Mudder is more of a personal achievement."

Editors Note: See related story on pg 11.

Troop I Completes 7th Community Alliance Program

By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I

On October 8th 2013, Troop I completed its seventh Community Alliance Program (CAP). The 20 selected participants in this year's class came from five of the six counties that comprise Troop I. Positive feedback once again showed that the participants not only enjoyed the classes, but also learned much about the duties of both troopers and other employees of the Patrol. The final night of this year's CAP included special presentations by Lynn Wallace, who spoke about The MASTERS program, and Jim Marcellus, who informed the class about the recently created Community Alliance Program Alumni Association. Troop I



Troop I's Capt. Lee Ann H. Kenley (left) and Sgt. Dan J. Crain (right) are pictured with Troop I's Community Alliance Program attendees.

would also like to thank those officers who came from other troops to give presentations during the course of this

year's CAP program and Phelps County Bank, who sponsored the catered barbecue on the final night.

Anniversaries

December

30 years

Admin. Office Support Asst. Jill E. Speckhals, Q/GD
Traffic Safety Analyst III Sheila R. Ponder, Q/TFD

25 years

Chief CVO Martha A. McCartney, Troop H

20 years

Communications Operator III David C. Moyers, Troop H
Info. Analyst Sprv. Deb K. Rowe, Q/DDCC

10 years

Cpl. Rollie B. Skaggs, Troop B
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Aaron M. Mengwasser, Q/CJISD
CITS II Tonya M. Schaben, Q/ICTD
Trainer/Auditor I Kevin R. Neeley, Q/CJISD

January

35 years

Capt. Dwayne F. Isringhausen, Troop G
Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker, Q/GSD

30 years

Cpl. Mitchell K. Allen, Troop H
Sgt. Harold L. Driemeier II, Troop C
Lt. Keverne L. McCollum, Q/CJISD
Major Tim P. McGrail, Q/TSB
Lt. Mike R. Pulliam, Troop E
Col. Ron K. Replogle, Q/SO
Lt. Eric A. Tilford, Troop H
Tpr. M. Scott Richardson, Troop A
Lt. Eldon E. Wulf, Q/TND

20 years

Tpr. Darwin R. Hukill, Troop D
Tpr. Tim W. Murrell, Troop A
CVO II James C. Rector, Troop A

15 years

Tpr. Mike D. Adams, Troop D
Cpl. Neil R. Atkinson, Troop F

Tpr. Richie L. Ayers, Troop E
Cpl. Bob B. Byrnes Jr., Troop D
Sgt. Chris M. Clair, Troop A
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Eric B. Frager, Troop C
Cpl. J. Scott Graue, Troop C
Sgt. Eric W. Hackman, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Andy A. Henry, Troop H
Sgt. Charley A. Hogue, Troop G
Cpl. John G. Huber, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Ben L. Israel, Troop H
Cpl. Marcel M. Jones, Troop E
Cpl. Lonnie J. Keathley, Troop C
Tpr. John L. Mason, Troop D
Tpr. Verland R. McBride, Q/GD
Sgt. Brad D. Ream, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Amy E. Reynolds, Troop C
Cpl. Shane R. Rowe, Troop D
Cpl. Russ W. Shaul, Troop A
Cpl. J. Shane Stewart, Troop E
Sgt. J. Darron Wheeler, Troop G
Cpl. Kyle D. Wilmont, Troop I
Sgt. Jerry G. Callahan, Q/HRD
Tpr. Kim Davis, Troop A
Cpl. Rob G. May II, Troop I
Cpl. John M. Sellers, Troop F
Comm. Oper. II Kim J. McDowell, Troop I

10 years

Cpl. Lou G. Amighetti Jr., Q/GD
Tpr. Cory W. Bradshaw, Troop A
Tpr. Dustin H. Crafton, Troop F
Cpl. Scott M. Lance, Troop F
Tpr. Josey J. Long, Troop D
Tpr. Eric L. Mueller, Troop D
Clerk Typist III Kathy A. Shelledy, Troop D
MVI II Shiloh L. Cochrane, Troop C
Tpr. Dan A. Bickell, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Eric F. Brown, Troop B
Tpr. Joe D. Davidson, Troop B
Cpl. Jason L. Decker, Troop C
Tpr. Steve J. Force, Troop A
Tpr. Eric J. Ganime, Troop E
Tpr. Travis N. Garton, Troop H
Tpr. Brandon C. Griffin, Troop B
Tpr. Seth D. Isringhausen, Troop D
Cpl. Tyler R. Jenkins, Troop C
Tpr. Sean W. Long, Troop D

Cpl. Jim E. Lowary, Troop F
Cpl. Brent A. Moore, Troop C
Cpl. Bob J. Parr, Q/HRD
Tpr. Derek E. Rogers, Troop G
Tpr. Tony Sandoval Jr., Troop D
Cpl. Ryan S. Smith, Troop A
Cpl. Kevin R. Waters, Troop D
Tpr. T. Eddie Young, Troop G
Tpr. Joshua R. Zach, Troop H
5 years
Cpl. Stacey L. Mosher, Troop F
Auto. Tech. III Justen E. Meyer, Troop C
Fingerprint Tech. III Caroline R. Thompson, Q/CJISD
Tpr. Brandon W. Adamson, Troop F
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Dennis W Bauer, Troop C
Tpr. Nicholas D. Bengston, Q/GD
Tpr. Kyle L. Carroll, Troop H
Tpr. Travis L. Coffey, Troop C
Tpr. Barbara A. Collins, Q/GD
DE II Gabe T. Gronemeyer, Troop C
Tpr. Evan T. Hane, Troop I
Tpr. Travis S. Inman, Troop D
Tpr. Neil V. Jannin, Troop C
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Tpr. Mike M. Williams, Troop C
Tpr. Andy L. Woods, Troop C

Cpl. Crank Accepts Missouri Medal Of Valor

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

In a ceremony October 2, 2013, at the State Capitol, Gov. Jay Nixon awarded the Missouri Medal of Valor to nine public safety officers. The officers represented Missouri's fire service, a rural sheriff's department, urban and suburban police agencies, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Each officer showed exceptional bravery and heroism during 2012. They responded to a variety of challenges and threats—rescuing people from burning buildings and vehicles, and stopping deadly threats posed to others by armed criminals.

"It was pretty neat to be honored among my peers," said Cpl. David W. Crank, Troop E, one of the recipients. "I got to meet St. Louis PD Officer Angela Hawkins. It was neat to talk to her about her experience, which was similar to mine. I also appreciated the show of support by the Patrol and my wife, Breda. Being in the governor's office was pretty cool. At the end, the governor gave a speech. It was one of the best I'd heard. He didn't read it; you could tell it came from his heart."

The governor presented one of the Missouri Medals of Valor to Cpl. Crank to recognize his actions during a traffic stop on Interstate 55 in New Madrid County. Cpl. Crank (a trooper at the time of the incident) requested back up. When Cpl. J. Shane Stewart Troop E, arrived, he and Cpl. Crank approached the SUV and requested the passengers exit the vehicle one at a time. One did so. The passenger in the front passenger seat refused to comply and immediately locked the door. When the front seat passenger reached between the seat and cen-

ter console, Cpl. Crank alerted Cpl. Stewart and drew his service weapon. The passenger produced a handgun and fired a single shot, striking Cpl. Stewart in the neck. To protect Cpl. Stewart and himself, Cpl. Crank fired repeatedly at the passenger, and killed the gunman. On a dark highway, in a perilous situation, Cpl. Crank acted swiftly to eliminate a deadly threat and

Department; and Robert D. Bratcher, Liberty Police Department.

"The circumstances of each heroic, lifesaving act were different, but in every instance the officers had to take swift, decisive, and courageous action that was focused entirely on protecting the public," said Gov. Nixon.

"They faced dangerous gunmen, went into burning buildings and vehicles, and in one instance even mustered the herculean strength to raise an SUV off a motorist who was perilously close to dying."

"Each of these exceptional public safety officers represents the highest ideal of dedicated public service and courage under life-or-death conditions," Gov. Nixon said. "They not only proved their willingness to put their own lives in jeopardy to protect and save others, they considered it part of their duty. I am pleased to present them with this high honor on behalf of the people of Missouri."



Cpl. David Crank accepts a Missouri Medal of Valor from Gov. Jay Nixon in the governor's office on October 2, 2013.

protect his wounded colleague. Cpl. Stewart underwent surgery, made a full recovery and returned to duty.

The remaining Missouri Medal of Valor recipients were: Angela N. Hawkins and Michael W. Betz, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; Thomas M. Kenyon, O'Fallon Police Department; Michael W. Vernon, Florissant Police Department; Kevin A. Bacon, West County EMS and Fire Protection District; Gerad G. Gonzalez, Manchester Police Department; Jared W. Debrecht, Iron County Sheriff's

Editor's Note: The Medal of Valor was first awarded in 2008, and is bestowed annually based on recommendations submitted by the Medal of Valor Review Board. Recipients must serve a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency personnel. The nominating form states the Medal of Valor is awarded "to a public safety officer who has exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her own personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life."

Spotlight

Tpr. Gabe J. Jenner



Appointed: January 3, 2011.

First Assignment: Troop A, Zone 14, Bates County.

Current Assignment: Troop A, Zone 7, Jackson County.

Family: Gabe says that his family includes a girlfriend, Megan, and a Walker coon dog named Conner.

Interests: He is a fan of Chicago Cubs baseball and St. Louis Rams football, rides motorcycles, and goes fishing.

Gabe was born in Columbia, MO. His family moved to Chicago in 1995, and lived there until his freshman year of high school. In 2004, they moved to Greenville, IL, where he graduated from high school in 2007. Gabe graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO, in 2010.

He went through the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 93rd Recruit Class. He said the Academy was quite memorable. One memory included meeting his future corporal during EVOC training. "Moments after meeting him, I puked my guts up in the EVOC car," laughed Gabe. "I get car sick."

"The FTO program was challenging, but the Academy definitely prepared me," said Gabe. "I learned a lot. As a matter of fact, I still listen to the

same radio station my first FTO did. It's like he's still there."

Spec. Asst. Lynn M. Stegeman



Appointed: June 25, 1983.

First Assignment: Clerk Typist II, Training Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Promotions/Reclassifications: Clerk Typist III — January 1, 1984; Continuing Education Program Coordinator — January 1, 1997; Special Assistant — May 1, 2012.

Current Assignment: Special Assistant, Professional Standards Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Family: Lynn and her husband, Lance, have three children and three grandchildren with a grandchild on the way. Daughter Adrienne Bellew, and her husband, Craig, live in St. Louis, MO, and have a two-year-old daughter. Their second daughter, Clerk Typist III Stacia Boyum, Q/MVI, and her husband, Erik, have two children, ages five and three, and are expecting another child in December. Their son, Zachary, lives in St. Louis.

Interests: Lynn enjoys camping with friends and spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren. "Grandchildren just make you smile, no matter what they do. They make you realize how blessed you are."

Lynn first came to work for the Patrol in 1981, as a part-time employee. She started her career as a Clerk Typist I, and was promoted to Clerk Typist II on May 1, 1982. Except for a period of 18 months when she worked for the director of the Department of Public Safety, Lynn worked at the Academy until August 2012. At that time, she took a lateral transfer to the Professional Standards Division.

"I loved working at the Academy and all the people I worked with there," said Lynn. "When I first came to work for the Patrol, I really didn't know anything about law enforcement, or that there was a difference between law enforcement agencies. I quickly realized after working for the Patrol that they hold themselves to a higher standard. I truly believe they are professional ladies and gentleman who enforce the law, and serve and protect the public. I am honored to have worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol all these years. Working at the Professional Standards Division has been a great change for me. I love the quiet (which shows my age) and the people I work with."

Comm. Oper. II Angelina R. Tidd



Appointed: May 17, 2010.

First Assignment: Communications Operator I, Troop A, Lee's Summit, MO.

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Spotlight

— Tidd

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Promotions: Communications Operator II—May 19, 2013.

Current Assignment: Communications Operator II, Troop A, Lee's Summit. Angelina also serves as a certified training operator and part-time recruiter for Troop A.

Family: Angelina and her husband, Scott, celebrated their third anniversary in October 2013. They live in Pleasant Hill, MO, with their African Cichlid fish "children." Her sister, brother-in-law, and four nieces live in Texas, and her parents live in Arizona.

Interests: Angelina enjoys singing, reading, and cross-stitching. She is an avid baker who enjoys trying

new recipes on co-workers. Her more adventurous exploits include flying private planes, scuba diving, rock climbing, and twice jumping tandem out of perfectly good airplanes with the U.S. Army Golden Knights.

Angelina was born in Reno, NV, and lived full-time in an RV traveling with her family starting at age six. They traveled summers and spent winters in Yuma, AZ, until Angelina turned 18 and lived there year-round prior to moving to Independence, MO, in 2008. She received her GED in Arizona after being homeschooled. She earned an associate's of applied science degree in broadcasting and an associate's of arts degree in general studies from Arizona Western College.

She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's of arts degree in liberal studies-enterprise in society from Northern Arizona University.

Angelina spent 10 years as an NPR affiliate public radio host, producer, and reporter in Yuma, AZ, then worked in insurance, food service, and retail support in Missouri before being hired by the Patrol. She likes providing customer service to troopers and the public, digging for information, and the different situations each day brings. She also appreciates getting to work alongside entertaining and quality co-workers in radio and throughout the troop. She says every time she drove by Troop A Headquarters prior to joining the organization, she hoped she would one day work there. Now, she's happy she does!



Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) began when several veterans and friends, moved by stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq, took action to help others in need. What started as a program to provide comfort items to wounded service members has grown into a complete rehabilitative effort to assist warriors as they transition back to civilian life. WWP serves veterans and service members who have incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001. WWP also serves the families of these wounded warriors. All programs are provided free of charge for warriors and their families.

This organization's mission, vision, purpose, and core values say it all:

Mission: To honor and empower wounded warriors.

Vision: To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history.

Purpose: To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members. To help injured service members aid and assist each other. To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members.

Core Values: Fun. Integrity. Loyalty. Innovation. Service.

"It's important to support all of the soldiers wounded while they were overseas. Wounded Warrior Project supports not just physical injuries, but PTSD [post-traumatic stress disorder], too," said Tpr. Travis N. Garton Troop H. "When I was deployed, I had a fairly easy assignment. I didn't have to worry as much about driving dangerous routes. But, I've had friends come back who have survived an attack and are experiencing PTSD. It affects many people in the military and in the long run, it affects their families, also."

What can you do to help? Volunteer. For more information, please contact volunteers@woundedwarriorproject.org or visit wwphighcap.org.

Editor's note: Missouri State Highway Patrol employees are generous people. Stories about their generosity appear in the *Patrol News* regularly. For the next few issues, employees are invited to share information about a charity that's important to them. Stories must be no more than 300 words and will be printed as space allows on a first-come, first-served basis.

Remembering Cpl. Mike Webster

20th Annual Memorial Blood Drive Goes Statewide

By Kelly Stroda

Originally published by The Kansas City Star

Kathey Webster has been trying to make triumph out of tragedy for the past 20 years.

On Oct. 2, 1993, a drunk driver killed her husband, Corporal Michael E. Webster, while he was on duty with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was struck while standing next to a vehicle he had stopped.

The way she's tried to help others through her husband's death is through a blood drive, now in its second decade. The 20th Annual Corporal Michael E. Webster Memorial Blood Drive will be held today [October 2, 2013] from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Troop A Headquarters in Lee's Summit, with associated drives at various locations around the Kansas City area.

In addition, this is the first year the blood drive is being taken statewide. Kathey Webster said the drive has always been the perfect way to memorialize her husband. Cpl. Webster was an advocate of blood donation and began donating in college.

Cpl. Webster graduated from the Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on May 11, 1984. He and Kathey got married the next day. He was assigned to Troop A in Lee's Summit, MO, and the couple moved to Blue Springs, MO. They had two children, Alana and Michael Elliott Webster II, who are now 26 and 21,

respectively. Cpl Webster also had an older daughter, Tiffany, from a previous relationship. She's now 34.

In 1993, Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognized Cpl. Webster for his efforts in getting drunken drivers off the road.



Cpl. Michael E. Webster



Alana (Webster) Hickman, Cpl. Michael E. Webster's daughter, gave blood at Troop D Headquarters to honor her dad's memory.

"He was a pretty phenomenal man," Kathey said.

A special thing about this year's drive, Kathey said, is that the American Red Cross, Community Blood Center, and Be The Match program are working together to memorialize an individual.

"None of those organizations have done one central blood drive for an individual before," she said.

There are nearly 30 locations around Missouri this year, and she hopes the blood drive will go nationwide by 2018.

Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, a Highway Patrol spokesman, said the blood drive brings awareness to alcohol-related crashes. According to the Patrol, 229 people died and 3,869 people were injured last year in Missouri crashes that involved drunk drivers.

"He arrested a lot of impaired drivers when he worked the road and now, 20 years later, we're still talking about him, his memory, and what he meant to the community," Sgt. Stosberg said. "We're saving lives by hosting this blood drive."

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Retirees, employees, and local citizens dropped by Troop H to donate blood.

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The blood drive isn't the only way Cpl. Webster's memory is staying alive. Jackson County residents might recognize Cpl. Webster's name from a stretch of U.S. Highway 40 named after him. In 1995, more than 10 miles of U.S. 40 winding through Independence, Lee's Summit, Blue Springs, and Grain Valley, MO, was renamed "Corporal Michael E. Webster Memorial Parkway."

More information can be found on mewebster.org.

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The Patrol's command staff led by example and donated blood while visiting Troop D for the annual troop meeting.



Clerk IV Ronda K. Shoush assists Tpr. James A. Rowe, both Troop B, with registration.

Cpl. M.E. Webster Blood Drive Makes A Difference

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

Everyone knows that donating blood can save a life. The pint you donate might be the one given after a traffic crash or during surgery or due to a serious illness. The 20th Annual Corporal Michael E. Webster Memorial Blood Drive provided an opportunity to save lives throughout the entire state.

Listed below are the results from the various locations of the 20th Annual Cpl. Michael E. Webster Memorial Blood Drive:

- Troop A: 45 units
- Troop B: 17 units
- Troop C: 22 units
- Troop D: 28 units
- Troop E: 35 units
- Troop F/GHQ: 52 units
- Troop G: 23 units
- Troop H: 27 units
- Troop I: 21 units

Total = 270 pints of blood collected by employees of the Missouri State

Highway Patrol and the citizens we serve.

Additionally, our partners with the American Red Cross, Be The Match, Community Blood Center of Kansas City, and local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and community colleges held blood drives in memory of Cpl. Webster:

- Metropolitan Community College (Longview Campus)—33 units
- Metropolitan Community College (Blue River Campus)—46 units
- Central Jackson County Fire Protection District—19 units
- Kansas Highway Patrol, Troop A, Olathe, KS—17 units
- Warrensburg (MO) Police Department and Fire—56 units
- Kansas City (MO) Police Department—24 units



Clerk Typist III C. Michele Parrott supported the blood drive at Troop E Headquarters.

Promotions



Norm A. Murphy
Captain
Q/GD



Dottie E. Taylor
Lieutenant
Q/PSD



Logan S. Elliott
Sergeant
Troop G



Steven N. Foster
Sergeant
Troop G



Michael A. Halford
Sergeant
Troop F



Jeffrey M. Toal
Sergeant
Q/FOB



Larry K. Nelson
Corporal
Q/GSD



Aimee N. Fulkerson
Corporal
Troop I



Amye D. Johnson
Corporal
Troop G



Garrett J. Loring
Corporal
Troop G



R. Chris West
Corporal
Troop A



Thomas E. Young
Corporal
Troop G



Kevin L. Braun
Comm. Tech. III
Q/ICTD



Michael M. Ewers
Comm. Tech. III
Q/ICTD



Dustin A. Bogg
DE II
Troop F

Promotions



Stephen M. Conant
MVI Chief
Troop H



Darla L. Conway
DE Sprv.
Troop I



James T. Davis
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II
Troop B



Matthew L. Dennis
DE II
Troop C



Chelse Y. Dowell
CIT III
Q/ICTD



Christy R. Handshy
Feeler
DE III
Troop A



Henry B. Jayaweera
DE II
Troop C



Jeffrey S. Koenigsfeld
Crim. Hist. Tech. II
Q/CJISD



Lisa D. Land
DE Sprv.
Troop D



Terry G. Mebruer
MVI Sprv.
Troop F



Loretta C. Mitchell
Traffic Safety Analyst III
Q/TFD



Kim D. O'Conner
DE III
Troop E



Kristen D. Reynolds
DE Sprv.
Troop F



Katie L. Riegel
CITS II
Q/CJISD



Jennifer A. Rodriguez
DE II
Troop A

Promotions



Samantha R. Roussel
Crim. Intel. Analyst II
Q/DDCC



Angela K. Schepers
Crim. Hist. Tech. II
Q/CJISD



Naykia M. Spencer
DE II
Troop C



Michelle E. Sturgeon
Crim. Hist. Tech. II
Q/CJISD



Seth J. Veit
CIT III
Q/ICTD



Katherine M. Vineyard
DE II
Troop C



Frances L. Waid
Crim. Hist. Tech. II
Q/CJISD



Beth A. Walker
Criminalist Sprv.
Q/CLD

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Amberly Marie

Tpr. David A. & Mrs. Brianne H. Jones
Troop A

Mason Alexander

Tpr. Gregory L. & Mrs. Megan E. Moravec
Troop I

Kolton Lane

Tpr. Mindy M. & Mr. Prentice A. Lambeth
Q/DDCC

Caleb William

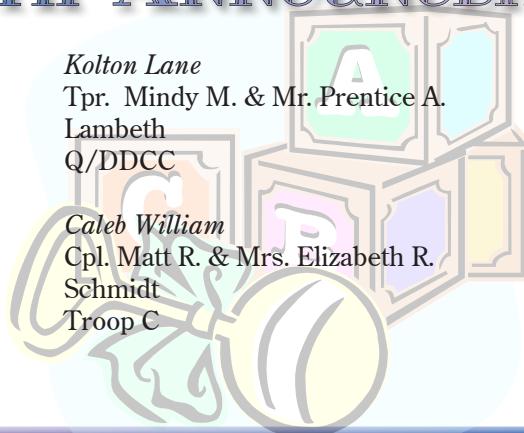
Cpl. Matt R. & Mrs. Elizabeth R. Schmidt
Troop C

Konnor Dale

Tpr. W. Ryan & Mrs. Laura B. Zeller
Troop D

Erik Darvin

Lillian Frances
Tpr. Derek K. & Mrs. Melissa A. Sullivan
Troop F



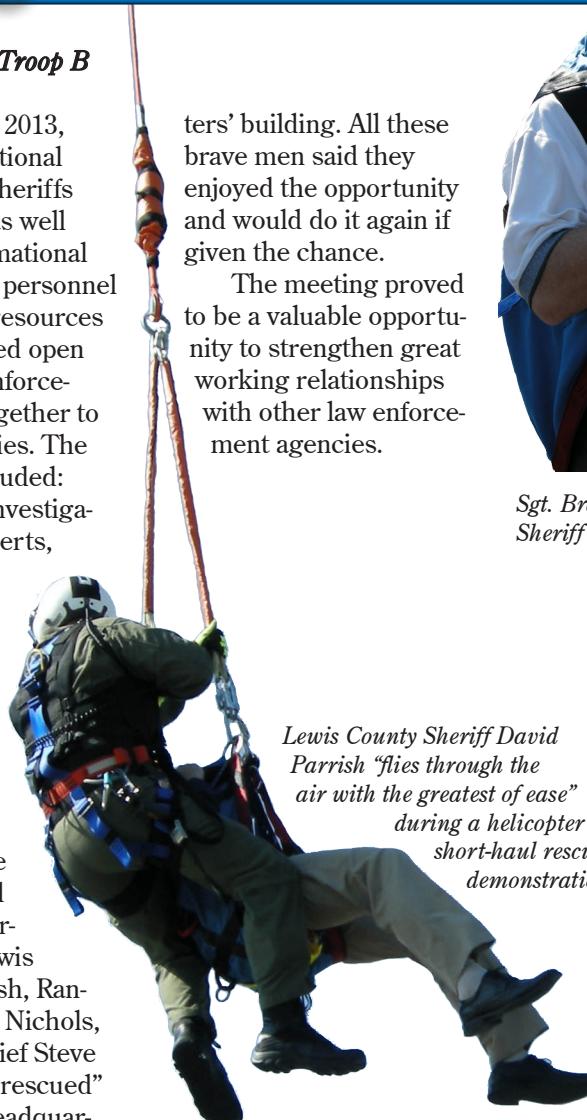
Area LE Agencies Discuss Resources, Serving Communities

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On Friday, October 11, 2013, Troop B hosted an informational meeting with area county sheriffs and police chiefs, which was well attended. During the informational meeting, Troop B staff and personnel discussed available Patrol resources and policies, and encouraged open dialog about the way law enforcement agencies can work together to better serve our communities. The Patrol topics discussed included: pursuits, canine, criminal investigations, drug recognition experts, SWAT, marine operations, crash investigations, and aircraft operation. At the conclusion of the meeting, sheriffs and police chiefs were given an opportunity to view a Patrol Bearcat with SWAT equipment. However, the highlight of the day was the Patrol helicopter short-haul rescue demonstrations. During the demonstrations, Lewis County Sheriff David Parrish, Randolph County Sheriff Mark Nichols, and Macon, MO, Police Chief Steve Olinger volunteered to be "rescued" from the top of the troop headquar-

ters' building. All these brave men said they enjoyed the opportunity and would do it again if given the chance.

The meeting proved to be a valuable opportunity to strengthen great working relationships with other law enforcement agencies.



Lewis County Sheriff David Parrish "flies through the air with the greatest of ease" during a helicopter short-haul rescue demonstration.

Sgt. Brad D. Holman, Q/AD, attaches a harness to Macon Police Chief Steve Olinger for a helicopter short-haul rescue demonstration at Troop B.



Sgt. Brad D. Holman, Q/AD, makes sure Randolph County Sheriff Mark Nichols is prepared for "rescue."

Did You Know?

Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker and Sgt. Alan R. Sullivan, both Q/GSD, made page A-1 of the September 10, 2013 edition of the *New York Times*! The newspaper ran a story about Governor Jay Nixon with a photograph. Sgt. Rucker and Sgt. Sullivan, part of the governor's protection detail, happened to be shown in the photo.

January

Jan. 1	● New Year's Day
Jan. 18	● Tpr. K.L. Poynter died in 2002.
Jan. 20	● Martin Luther King Jr. Day

SWAT Teams Train, Network

By Sgt. Dan E. Caldwell, Troop C
Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Training—the process designed to make repetition become reflex. In the case of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's SWAT teams, training might be the difference between life and death—for an officer or for a person requiring their assistance.

The Patrol operates four SWAT teams assigned strategically to Troop A, Lee's Summit, Troop C, Weldon Spring, Troop D, Springfield, and Troop F, Jefferson City. There are approximately 80 officers assigned to SWAT teams. The teams are comprised of officers assigned to regular road duty and the Division of Drug and Crime Control. Being a member of a team is a part-time assignment and includes training two to three times per month and one full week each year.

"It is important to train and become proficient in the various techniques and equipment used in the SWAT environment," said Corporal Scott A. Ballard, Troop F SWAT team coordinator. "The goal is that in a high stress environment you can react without thinking and respond the way you have been trained. Training allows us to know where our strengths and weaknesses are."

Cpl. Ballard said Troop F SWAT also trains with members of the Cen-

tral Missouri Tactical Officer's Association, which includes local and county law enforcement agencies. "We train together to get to know each other and know the capabilities of each team. Our purpose is to prepare for a major incident which requires a mutual response. We want to be prepared, have a good working relationship, and know what the other teams are able to do."

All four Patrol SWAT teams gather every other year for a week-long training exercise. Prior to the week-long training, meetings are held to review resources, locations, current trends, etc. Training could include the range, hostage rescue, and high risk warrant situations. A high-risk warrant situation involves a felony, drugs, weapon in the house, person with a violent criminal history, or can be determined by the location of the incident.

Sergeant Dan Caldwell, Troop C SWAT team coordinator, explained that each SWAT team includes an entry team, snipers, and negotiators. The negotiators didn't attend the October 2013 training, because they attended

FBI negotiator training a different week.

"The negotiators train once or twice a year with the team through scenario-based training," added Corporal J. Todd Vermillion, Troop D SWAT team coordinator. "Each team also has a medic that is either trained as an EMT or a paramedic. They receive recertification training annually or whenever it is required. The medics train with the team throughout the year on officer down drills."

October's joint training in Jefferson City included snipers honing their skills, entry teams refining their approach, and team building opportunities. The entry team drilled on tactics for clearing buildings, force on force situations, and hostage rescue using the proper equipment for each mission. The Patrol recently had replaced the current, older rifles with Daniel Defense M-4 rifles. Thus, snipers took two days to sight and qualify the M-4 assigned to them. They practiced long fire, cover and concealment, tracking, and distance shooting (300-500 yards).

The week at General Headquarters also provided a rare opportunity for the coordinators to network and to review the operational procedures. "The leaders had a chance reflect on how we can better communicate with-

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Members from Troops A, C, D, and F gathered in Jefferson City for bi-annual SWAT team training.

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in our teams and provide each other the same information without delay," said Sgt. Caldwell. "The entry members had a chance to train in buildings that they are not familiar with and gain a new perspective. The members from each team had a chance to train together and learn how each team's members perform should a situation occur where two teams are activated." He said it is important that the teams train on similar tactics, assess equipment needs regularly, and stay current with technology and trends.

"The importance of training is first, to be familiar with your equipment and tools and their operation," said Cpl. Vermillion. "Second, to be conditioned in your reactions to certain stresses, environments, and scenarios, so that you respond in an acceptable and appropriate manner. Third, to be familiar with your teammates and their responses, strengths, and weaknesses."

During the 2013 joint training, Mr. Steve Ijames, a retired major from the Springfield Police Department, spoke to members of the Patrol's SWAT teams. Mr. Ijames created the less le-



Troop F SWAT makes its way through a culvert on the obstacle course. The teams competed for the best time.

thal force instructor/trainer programs for the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a nationally known subject matter expert. Mr. Ijames reviewed and debriefed SWAT scenarios in which he has taken part,

Vermillion. "We spent the entire week together on and off duty. Camaraderie is an important team trait that is often overlooked. When you know each person on your team in a relaxed setting, it makes for good team chemistry

when you are under stress in a volatile setting. Additionally, we observed the other three teams this week and learned from them some new tactics to incorporate into our training to see if it will fit with how

In 2012, the Patrol's SWAT teams responded to a total of 31 incidents and numerous other calls for service. The activations included barricaded subjects, high-risk search and arrest warrants, presidential security details, conferences involving public officials, and manhunts. The calls for service also included providing security details for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services during shipments of the Strategic National Stockpile.

and held discussions on the Constitution (fourth amendment), case law, and SWAT policy and procedures.

"This week's training was a positive experience for our team," said Cpl.

we operate."

There are 21 officers assigned to a Patrol SWAT team. This includes the lieutenant, the coordinator, entry team leader, sniper team leader, negotiator leader, and officers assigned to each

smaller team. In addition to Sgt. Caldwell, Cpl. Ballard, and Cpl. Vermillion, Corporal Casey E. Utterback, Troop A, also serves as a Patrol SWAT team coordinator.

When a request comes to a troop, the SWAT team's lieutenant gathers the critical information and forwards the request



SWAT members pushed a BearCat several hundred feet as a test of their endurance.

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through channels to Field Operations Bureau at General Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO. If the request is approved, the coordinator is notified and communicates the call out to team members via the team leaders. The coordinator is responsible for equipment, training, and activities.

Once a request is approved, the coordinator provides team leaders the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the situation and gives a time and place to gather. Team leaders then relay that information to the rest of the SWAT team members. Call outs can last from moments to hours. If a situation can't be resolved in a reasonable amount of time, another SWAT team will relieve the initial team. Mental and physical fatigue and stress are taken into account when determining how long a SWAT team remains active on a call. When an officer is called out, they know to plan to be out for a long time and will bring a snack. Sometimes, such as when the case is high profile and garners media attention, a local group (i.e. American Red Cross or a church) volunteers to provide a meal on scene.

Sgt. Caldwell said that immediately after a situation is resolved, the team goes to a staging area for a debrief. The coordinator provides an overview of the call out. Then, each team leader provides information from their prospective. The team discusses what worked, what they had to adapt to, and if they should do things differently in the future.

"Any member, at any time, may have to make a life or death decision and they will immediately revert back to the training they have had," said Sgt. Caldwell. "Members have to have numerous repetitions together to learn each other's skill level and be confident that they can work together as a team. The training we put the team through cannot occur enough. We are tasked with knowing, understanding, and applying the numerous aspects of SWAT. The only way we can get to the level of expertise expected by the Patrol and the public is through training."

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

November 1968—Troop I dispatched several officers after a tourist called with concern about a Plymouth he observed traveling westbound from Phillipsburg, MO, toward Springfield, MO. The caller stated he saw a man, woman, and child in the front seat and a man in the back seat holding a gun pointed toward the front seat. Officers were dispatched and located the vehicle. The "man" in the back seat was the driver's son, who was playing with his toy gun.

35 years ago

December 1978—Corporal Lawrence Williams and Sergeant Wendell W. Oberhelman were on Interstate 35 on their way to measure the speed check blocks just north of the rest area in Clinton County. They saw a man on top of a new building under construction waving his arms frantically. Being curious, they exited the interstate and went to check on him. He told them the ladder he used to get onto the roof had blown down and asked if they would set it back against the building. Thus, an unusual service was rendered.

25 years ago

November 1988—Members of the first Patrol K-9 unit were featured. The four teams had just completed training. The front cover showed a picture of Trooper Jack R. McMullin, Troop D, with 1,104 pounds of cocaine he seized during a traffic stop in Interstate 44. At the time, this was the second largest seizure of cocaine in the United States.

15 years ago

December 1998—A story announced that Governor Mel Carnahan named Commercial Vehicle Officer Steve D. Wilmesherr, Troop C, state employee of the month for October 1998. The governor honored CVO Wilmesherr for his work in locating \$122 million in drugs in a tractor-trailer.

5 years ago

November/December 2008—Stories included Trooper Grant H. Hendrix, Troop D, accepting a Missouri Medal of Valor from Governor Matt Blunt; the open house for Troop C Headquarters at its new Weldon Spring location; Corporal Hank Bruns Memorial Highway being dedicated; and the Tour of Missouri professional bicycle race, among others.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Year To Date Dec. 16, 2013	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2011 Traffic Fatalities	2012 Traffic Fatalities
722	793	-71	786	826

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

MSHP Team 'Livin' On The Edge'

By Clerk IV Lisa L. Kempker, Q/PIED

During 2013, employees organized a team to participate in the "Over The Edge" event to benefit Special Olympics Missouri. Over The Edge involves individuals rappelling over the edge of a building after they have raised \$1,000 for SOMO. Team Captain/Quality Control Clerk II Nina D. Holtmeyer, Q/TFD, organized a team called Livin' on the Edge for the Patrol. Fourteen people joined the team. The group chose to organize different events to raise the money they needed in order to rappel. The team held raffles, hosted a 5K walk/run, and sold seasonings and T-shirts to raise the money. Their solid effort and many volunteer hours resulted in them raising \$27,722!

Over The Edge took place on October 12, 2013, in Jefferson City, at



A volunteer provides guidelines to part of the "Livin' On The Edge" team. Pictured from left to right are: Capt. Lee Ann Kenley, Troop I; Capt. Kyle Marquart, Q/CIB; Capt. Sarah Eberhard, Q/DDCC; CITS I Kellie Foster, Q/ICTD; and Mr. Grant Schmidt, son of Major Dale Schmidt, Q/SSB.



first team member rappelled at 9 a.m. Many onlookers cheered as each of the brave individuals rappelled. I heard that some of the members on the team were scared of heights.

It was a great day for all—the rain held off and everyone was successful rappelling over the edge. High fives to the Livin' on the Edge team! The team included: Team Captain/Quality Control Clerk II Holtmeyer, Lieutenant Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, Major Dale A. Schmidt, Q/SSB, Captain Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/DDCC, Captain Lee Ann Kenley, Troop I, Captain Lance M. McLaughlin, Q/BPD, Captain Kyle D. Marquart, Q/CIB, CITS I Kellie L. Foster, Q/ICTD, Quality Control Clerk II Cheryl A. Garner, Q/TFD, Temporary Clerk Ashley N. McCollum, Q/CJISD, Designated Principal Assistant Cindy A. Scheidt, Q/ASO, Quality Control Clerk II Adrean J. Smart, Q/TFD, Ms. Mary Borgmeyer, and Ms. Courtney E. Luecke.

When asked, some of the members said they would do it again. The team is already getting ready for next year's event. Congratulations, Livin' on the Edge!

**Over the
EDGE for**

 **Special Olympics**
Missouri



Looks like they made it! Capt. Kyle Marquart, Q/CIB, and Temporary Clerk Ashley McCollum, Q/CJISD, complete their rappel.

the Jefferson Building. The Jefferson Building is near the state capitol building, the one with the large bear statue out front, and is 13 stories tall. The forecast called for rain and the temperature was on the cool side, but team "Livin' On The Edge" was ready. The

Mr. Grant Schmidt and Capt. Lee Ann Kenley, Troop I, progress down the side of the Jefferson Building in Jefferson City, MO.



'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of August 18, 2011 to October 18, 2013. The list shows members with their rank/assignment during that time period. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Sgt. A.J. Bell, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.N. Comer, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.E. Crabtree, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Duvall, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.C. Fletcher, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.D. Galaska, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.E. Givens, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Hollis, 1 arrest
Sgt. E.L. Hurst, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 4 arrests
Tpr. T.W. Murrell, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.D. Oetting, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.D. Ogden, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 3 arrests
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.T. Schwartz, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.E. Scism, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Thomas, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 1 arrest

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.F. Brown, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 3 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.D. Nichols, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Ruckenbrod, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.M. Stauffer, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 3 arrests

Troop C

Tpr. C.M. Arbuthnot, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Arsenault, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.L. Aslin, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Diffee, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Flynn, 1 arrest

Tpr. M.W. Hedlund, 4 arrests
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 2 arrests
Cpl. T.R. Jenkins, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 2 arrests
Tpr. L.B. Larimore, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.R. Potter, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.W. Robinson, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Teague, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.R. Thompson, 2 arrests

Troop D

Tpr. E.B. Adams, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.C. Creasey, 1 arrest
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 3 arrests
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 5 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 4 arrests
Cpl. S.R. Rowe, 2 arrests
Cpl. K.J. Rutledge, 2 arrests
Tpr. A. Sandoval, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.R. Young, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 5 arrests
Tpr. A.F. Cheaney, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest
Cpl. P.C. Hazelwood, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.M. Heath Jr., 4 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Pratt, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 4 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.J. West, 1 arrest

Troop F

Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 2 arrests
Cpl. S.A. Ballard, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.J. Borgmeyer, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 2 arrests
Tpr. S.M. Cummings, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 8 arrests
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 4 arrests

Tpr. D.W. Foust, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.C. Frame, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.J. Geier, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.J. Graf, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.A. Halford, 4 arrests
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 5 arrests
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 4 arrests
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Richardson, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 3 arrests

Troop G

Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.V. Garrison, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.C. Kuessner, 2 arrests
Cpl. G.J. Loring, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.B. Pounds, 7 arrests
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 3 arrests

Troop H

Tpr. J.D. Farmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 3 arrests
Tpr. K.F. Jeffers, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.E. Maudlin, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.N. Raney, 2 arrests
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.A. Sherman, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 2 arrests

Troop I

Tpr. M.K. Eden, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Ice, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.R. Moravec, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Sellars, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 1 arrest

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Cpl. S.H. Crabtree, 1 arrest

GAMING DIVISION: Who Are Those Guys?

By Lt. Mark A. Bielawski, Q/GD

A question I'm often asked by members outside of the Gaming Division is, "What exactly do you do on a day-to-day basis?"

Since there isn't a short, simple answer to that question, I will try to simplify it the best I can. Since 1994, there have been Highway Patrol members assigned to the Gaming Division. In that 19-year-time span, the Gaming Division has grown to become the largest non-road division on the Highway Patrol. Members assigned to the Gaming Division are referred to as gaming agents by the Missouri Gaming Commission. Gaming agents can be assigned to either the Investigative Unit or the Enforcement Unit.

Agents in the Investigative Unit are tasked with conducting comprehensive background investigations of individuals, companies, and suppliers applying for licensure with the Missouri Gaming Commission. This section is responsible for conducting specialized investigations related to gaming offenses, white-collar crimes, and public corruption cases, as well as investigations related to Missouri's charitable gaming industry (bingo, etc). Additionally, members assigned to the Investigative Unit conduct investigations on reports of illegal gambling devices throughout the state.

Agents in the Enforcement Unit, which make up the bulk of the Gaming

This covered walkway welcomes patrons to the Ameristar Casino in St. Charles, MO.



Division, are the ones assigned to the individual casinos, and they have two primary duties. The first is to enforce the Code of State Regulations (CSRs) as it relates to gambling activities in Missouri. The CSRs are the rules by which all casinos must abide, covering areas such as employee licensing, conduct of gaming, operation of the riverboat, and liquor control, to name just a few. The second, and better known duty, is taking care of all law enforcement activities within the casino. Trying to describe a "typical" day for an enforcement agent would be nearly impossible due to the variety of activities, both criminal and regulatory, that occur on a regular basis. But, in keeping with the theme of simplicity, I will try.

Generally speaking, from a regulatory standpoint, an agent observes daily casino operations. They do this in different ways. Agents have virtually unlimited access to anywhere inside the casino or the "back of the house", which enables them to make personal observations of employees and casino procedures. They also may utilize the casino's surveillance system to view people and operations. Their observations cover all departments and every single aspect of the casino's operation. If an agent observes, or is made aware of, a violation of the CSRs or any other internal regulation, they initiate an investigation.

The investigation is conducted in much the same way as a criminal investigation in that witnesses and violators are interviewed, evidence is collected, and an in-depth investigative report is prepared. After the investigation is completed, the report is sent to the Missouri Gaming Commission's Discipline Review Board. Based on the results of an agent's investigation, the Missouri Gaming Commission has the authority to impose punishment on an individual employee or a casino company for violation of the regulations.

Agents must be diligent in their efforts when conducting regulatory investigations in order for the Gaming Commission to hand down fair

The Isle of Capri Casino in Boonville, MO, boasts 28,000 square feet of casino floor space.



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and consistent punishment for offenses committed. Gaming agents often work hand-in-hand with civilian employees of the Gaming Commission to complete complex regulatory investigations involving such things as financial/auditing matters or technical issues with slot machines. Gaming agents also assist Gaming Commission employees with various kinds of work performed on slot machines, also known as EGDs (electronic gaming devices).

Two teams of Gaming Commission EGD specialists, one in Kansas City and one in St. Louis, are responsible for performing verification and testing of slot machine components and software for every single slot machine in the state. Due to their remote locations throughout the state, however, four of the 13 Missouri casinos (Frontier St. Jo, Isle of Capri-Boonville, Mark Twain, and Lady Luck) still rely heavily on Highway Patrol gaming agents to perform verification and testing of the electronic components in the slot machines.

Over the years, an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect has been fostered between the Highway Patrol and the Missouri Gaming Commission, enabling the agencies to work together as a single unit. This attitude of teamwork is crucial to the success of the Gaming Division's overall mission of maintaining the integrity of gaming in Missouri.

The other side of the gaming agent coin involves criminal activity. As mentioned earlier, gaming agents are responsible for all law enforcement activities at the casino. Criminal activities range from simple infractions to major felonies, and may involve casino patrons, casino employees, or a combination of the two. Criminal violations can



Pictured is the River City Casino in St. Louis, MO.

include theft, trespassing, cheating, fraud, identity theft, money laundering, assault, and a host of other crimes. Some of these criminal investigations are simple and straight forward, while some are very complex. Investigations involving money laundering or credit card fraud can take weeks or even months to complete, involve numerous

agencies. We have assisted countless other agencies, both large and small, with surveillance footage and other important information in criminal cases ranging from money laundering and fraud to child sex crimes and even murder.

In order to perform all of these duties in a manner consistent with the Gaming Commission's high expectations, gaming agents must be properly trained. In order to ensure the integrity of gaming is maintained in our state, the Missouri Gaming Commission provides Highway Patrol gaming agents with the best specialized training available anywhere in the nation. Members assigned to the Gaming Division attend schools covering basic gaming, games protection, money laundering, statement analysis, white collar crimes, cyber crimes, computer training, I.D. training, the Reid Interview & Interrogation School, etc.

As you can see, there is nothing "typical" about being a gaming agent. The duties are numerous and the training second to none. When a member transfers into the Gaming Division, he/she is on a unique path, unlike any other they will experience in their law enforcement career. If you come into the Gaming Division with an open mind and a willingness to work, I guarantee you will leave a much better investigator and better-rounded police officer than when you arrived.

Gaming Division members often referred to the division as the best kept secret on the Highway Patrol. I hope I can now say, "The secret is out."



The shops in this beautiful walkway greet patrons arriving at the Frontier Casino in St. Joseph, MO.

other states, and include multiple local, state, and federal agencies.

Throughout the Gaming Division's history, investigations initiated and conducted by Highway Patrol gaming agents have resulted in the breakup and prosecution of several nationwide identity theft and credit card fraud rings. In addition to conducting our own criminal investigations, gaming agents are called upon occasionally to assist outside law enforcement agen-

OCTOGENARIAN: I WISH TO APPLY FOR STATE PATROLMAN

By Sgt. W. Shane Sims, Troop H

On the morning of October 4, 2013, I was at the front desk of Troop H Headquarters. An elderly gentleman, I would guess early to mid-70s, walked in the front door. I asked the gentleman if I could help him. In a calm, humble voice, he looked me square in the eyes and advised he wanted to apply to be a "state patrolman."

My initial thought was this man was a retiree and he was trying to make a joke. The man never smiled and continued to maintain eye contact. Trying not to smile, and still thinking this was a joke of some sort, I decided I would play along. I advised the man he could apply online. He asked what

that meant and I told him he could use a computer to apply through the Highway Patrol web site. The man quickly informed me he did not have a computer and did not know how to use one. He went on to say if he had a computer he would throw it out the window.

At this point, I begin to realize this may not be a joke. I advised the gentleman I could give him literature on the application process. I escorted him to the atrium of Troop H and handed him the proper literature on the application process. While in the atrium, the man told me he still had a strong body, able mind, and this was something he wanted to do. I asked the gentleman

his age and he advised he was 85 years old! I regretfully informed the gentleman that troopers were required to retire at the age of 60.

He said, "Well, I guess I don't need this," and handed the literature back to me. As I stood with the man, I admired his sincerity and respect. The gentleman thanked me for my time and quietly walked out the door.

As I type this, I regret not asking the man's name and may have missed an opportunity to continue a conversation with a man who might have an interesting life story. After my short time with this man, I have no doubt that he truly believed he could perform the duties of a Missouri state trooper.

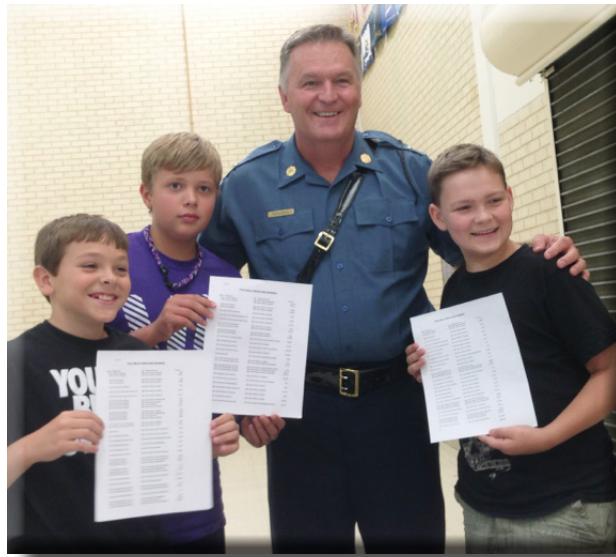
Youngsters Enjoy Day At GHQ

By Div. Asst. Dir. Brent A. Miller, Q/BPD

On August 6, General Headquarters hosted the annual Take Your Kid To Work Day for employees assigned to Troop F and GHQ. Employees and their children spent the morning watching a canine demonstration, visiting the shooting range, and getting a close look at EVOC track operations. After lunch, the kids had the opportunity to spend the afternoon "working" side-by-side with their parents. Three of those young people devoted their time to helping with a project in the Budget and Procurement Division. Hayden James (son of Insurance Clerk Carrie A. James, Q/HRD), Caleb Laughlin (son of Chief Accountant Chris M. Laughlin, Q/BPD), and Ryan Miller (my son) worked on a breakdown of how certain funding had been spent in recent years. The project was generated in response to a question by state officials as part of the budget process. These three young men spent the afternoon helping to develop some detailed spreadsheets designed to answer the question.

At the end of the afternoon, an additional fun event this year was that Colonel Ron Reogle met for ice cream with all attendees of Take Your Kid To Work Day. The three young men took that opportunity to present the results of their project to the colo-

nel. He was impressed with their hard work, and told them he had just come from a meeting about that very matter. Col. Reogle invited them to his office where he showed them around and presented each of them with a challenge coin.



(l to r) Caleb Laughlin, Hayden James, and Ryan Miller hold pages of a report they helped assemble while taking part in Take Your Kid To Work Day. Colonel Ron Reogle (center) thanked the young men for their efforts.

Retirement

Capt. Londell Jamerson



ment was Troop A, Lee's Summit. He was promoted to corporal in 1990, and sergeant in 1995.

"I remember a lot of good times being on the Troop A SERT (now SWAT). The best assignment I had was being the zone sergeant at Platte County. The working relationship we had with the sheriff's department and the prosecutor's office, and the quality of officers we had in the zone is what made this the best assignment."

"As a sergeant, the lesson I learned and that I carried with me throughout the rest of my career was that your people come first. You take care of your people first, the mission, and then yourself. You gotta take care of your people."

"You have to have a plan for success," said Captain Londell Jamerson, Q/CVED, when asked what advice he had for new members of the Patrol. "Always be safe. Be kind and, I would say, 'Save your money.'"

Capt. Jamerson retired November 1, 2013, after 32 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri.

"I knew when I was a little boy that I was going to be in law enforcement," he said. "I never really thought of anything else. I *knew* that, eventually, I would be in law enforcement. As a teenager I did 'ridealongs' with Troop D officers*—Don Richardson, Ed Thurman, Kent Casey, Matt Brown ..."

Captain Jamerson remembers reporting to the Academy as a member of the 54th Recruit Class on January 5, 1981. Prior to reporting, he was employed by UPS (part-time and Quality Auto Service full-time). He described the first day as "bizarre" and remembered the "screaming and yelling ... the getting in your face."

"I remember (Sgt.)* Ben Goodin said, 'We are going to run you out of here.' I said, 'No, Sir! That's not going to happen, Sir!' And, here I am."

Captain Jamerson's first assign-

"At Troop C, you experience every facet of public safety, public service, and critical incidents in a very short period of time," continued Capt. Jamerson. "I considered Troop C a significant learning experience in law enforcement. It's constantly busy, and there is no such thing as an empty 'in basket'."

In 2005, Major A. Dale Penn (now retired) called. "It was a surprise," said Captain Jamerson. "I wasn't expecting it. He asked me if I was still interested in coming to Jefferson City. I told him, 'Yes.' He said, 'Well, congratulations. You're captain over CVE.' We were getting ready to leave on vacation when the call came. We headed out to California and it made the vacation a little bit nicer."

In 2005, his sons were in high school, middle school, and grade school. Captain Jamerson said each of them were about to change schools anyway, so it was good timing. He said his sons didn't want to move away from the 26 kids living near them in the cul de sac. "But, once we got here and moved into Wardsville (MO), they liked it and fit right in."

He said moving from Troop C to General Headquarters was like waking up in Oz. "It was very different. It's hard to articulate the differences between a troop and GHQ. The job gets done, but we go about it differently in the two places. The pace is slower at GHQ than Troop C. You have less direct interaction with the road officers. It's not good or bad, it's just different. I have been real comfortable here," he said.

As director of CVE Division, Capt. Jamerson was in a position to assess this area of enforcement. In 2007, he proposed the position of commercial vehicle enforcement trooper. Under his guidance, this approach was implemented. Although the commercial vehicle officer position will be phased out, the commercial vehicle enforcement inspector position was re-instituted.

"Inspectors are essential in our efforts to make highways safe," said Capt. Jamerson. "Commercial vehicle enforcement is highly regulated and complicated. Every rule of enforcement has an exception. Our officers and inspectors conduct a large number of commercial vehicle inspections.

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Missouri leaves a pretty large footprint in the CVE enforcement arena. We are well known for the number of inspections and the quality of work we produce."

Another program that Capt. Jamerson took a lead role in is the Patrol's Radiation and Nuclear Detection Program. The Patrol's program began in 2005, in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security/Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. Prior to 2005, the Patrol was capable of detecting radioactive materials for regulatory purposes as part of its Level VI inspection program.

"Our partnership with DNDOD has afforded us an opportunity to grow our capabilities in this area," said Capt. Jamerson.

When Capt. Jamerson reflected back over his career, he saw a common thread of unity and family, regardless of where he was assigned. "Troop C was one big family. I also felt that way about Troop A and here (GHQ)."

"As one journey ends, another begins," Captain Jamerson said. "During the beginning of this great career I've had, I never thought about the end. But, in the end, it's nice to reflect and think about the beginning."

(*Editor's note: Sgt Don R. Richardson, Sgt. A. Ed Thurman, Sgt. Kent C. Casey, Lt. Matt W. Brown are Patrol retirees. Ben Goodin retired as a lieutenant. Capt. Jamerson was born in Kansas City, MO. He graduated from Central High School in Springfield, MO. Capt. Jamerson graduated from the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 1999. He earned a bachelor's of arts degree in criminal justice, cum laude, from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO, in 2005.)

Lt. Dave R. Shaul



On July 1, 2013, Lieutenant Dave R. Shaul, assistant director of the Training Division, retired as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 33 years of dedicated service.

On July 1, 1980, Dave began his career with the Patrol when he reported to Law Enforcement Academy as a member of the 53rd Recruit Class. After graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Troop H, Zone 7, Clinton County. On June 1, 1983, he transferred to Troop A, Zone 16, Johnson County. He transferred to the Training Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, on October 1, 1990. Dave was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1992, and then to sergeant on August 1, 1994. On September 1, 1997, he was transferred to the Technical Services Bureau, General Headquarters, and promoted to lieutenant. He also served in the Administrative Services Bureau and Field Operations Bureau, and what is now the Criminal Justice

Information Services Division, all at General Headquarters. He transferred to Troop F, Jefferson City, on September 1, 2001. On August 16, 2011, Dave returned to the Training Division, General Headquarters, as assistant director.

Dave grew up in St. Louis, MO, where he graduated from Lindbergh High School in 1974. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice from Central Missouri State University (now the University of Central Missouri), in Warrensburg, MO, in 1978. He completed a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA, in 2012.

During his career with the Patrol, Dave has served the citizens of the nation and of Missouri with a long and distinguished career in the Missouri National Guard. As he settles into retirement from the Patrol, he continues his untiring public service as a colonel in the Army National Guard. Colonel Dave Shaul is the commanding officer of the 140th Regiment, Missouri's Military Regional Training Institute, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Dave is married to Joyce, and has two grown children. He enjoys many interests and activities, including shooting, reloading, farming, and doting on his grandkids.

Over the years, Dave has touched countless lives and contributed in many ways to the long-term health of the Patrol. We wish Dave and Joyce a very long and fulfilling retirement!

“ The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential ... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence. ”

— Confucius

Retirement

Sgt. Timothy D. Peters



Sergeant Timothy D. Peters, Troop I, retired September 1, 2013, after more than 26 years of distinguished service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Tim was born in Lebanon, MO, and is a 1977 graduate of Lebanon High School. Following high school, Tim attended Missouri State University in Springfield, MO, before embarking upon a career in law enforcement.

Tim's law enforcement career began as a Lebanon police officer, where he served for seven years before his appointment to the Patrol on July 1, 1987. Following his graduation from the Academy in December 1987, Tim was assigned to Troop E, Zone 1, Poplar Bluff, MO. Although already an experienced law enforcement officer, Tim stated he learned much during that time from both his field training officer, now retired Lieutenant Dennis A. Overby, and his first zone sergeant, J. Whitt Burford, who is also retired. In August 1990 Tim transferred back home to Lebanon and Troop I, and was assigned to Zone 5. Tim received his first commendation while in Troop I on March 6, 1992, for being in the top five for DWI, criminal misdemeanor, and felony arrests during 1991.

In 1992, Tim took on the role of an undercover investigator when the Patrol made efforts to combat auto theft, vehicle chop shops, and odometer rollbacks in the Lebanon area. Tim's

extensive investigation included the tracking of stolen vehicles which were transported to Laclede County and then re-tagged with VINs from salvage vehicles. Frequently, these re-tags, which he stated were predominantly dual- aired Suburbans and Caprices, found their way to Mid-Eastern countries, such as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. In fact, at one point the state department considered having him travel to that part of the world to help identify some of these vehicles. His investigation resulted in federal indictments on seven individuals and the recovery of over \$1,150,000 worth of property. Tim's auto theft investigation resulted in him receiving letters of commendation from both St. Louis Police Department in July 1993, and the FBI in July 1995. In May 1994, he accepted the Patrol's Meritorious Service Award for this investigation.

In 1995, Tim was assigned as a K-9 officer for Troop I. For the next three years, with the assistance of two German shepherds—first "Fanto" and then "Zet"—he was able to take thousands of pounds of drugs off the streets. Tim's success led to his promotion to the rank of corporal, while assigned to the Troop I K-9 unit.

On March 1, 1999, Tim was promoted to the rank of sergeant and designated the zone supervisor of Zone 6, Pulaski County. However, on April 1, 2001, he took a voluntary demotion to corporal, so that he could return to Lebanon and Zone 5. On August 21, 2005, Tim re-gained his sergeant stripes when he was designated as the zone commander of Zone 8, which also patrols Laclede County.

Tim received numerous other letters of commendation in his career. Tim was recognized when he and another trooper risked their lives to save a Pulaski County resident's home from a raging brush fire, in 2000. He was also commended by the Greene County Sheriff's Department for his role in a theft investigation that involved dock workers stealing from a large trucking firm and then selling those items at ga-

rage sales in the Lebanon area.

In 2011, Tim received the Patrol's Valor Award for his gallant efforts after being dispatched to a car in a rain swollen Laclede County creek on January 23, 2010. Tim admitted that his inability as a water rescuer created much apprehension as he, in full uniform, jumped into the stream to help remove the driver from the submerged vehicle. Once out of the vehicle, the unconscious driver came to, and Tim was then challenged with physically restraining the person while still in raging waters. Tim was quick to praise Corporal Greg A. Weddle, Troop I, for his role in that rescue.

On April 14, 2012, Tim was bestowed with the Patrol's Purple Heart Award, which stemmed from injuries he sustained while battling an individual who was "high" on synthetic drugs known as "bath salts." What started out as a routine call of a stranded motorist on Interstate 44 resulted in a struggle in which Sgt. Peter's sustained a serious kick to the head. The suspect, who seemingly had super-strength, was so combative that several other responding officers who came to Tim's aid also were seriously injured from the suspect's continuous, violent kicking.

Much more could be written about Tim, including the five years he spent as the Troop I marijuana eradication officer or the vital supervisory role he played in the timely notification of the families who lost loved ones in the Joplin tornado. Tim stated he dealt with many stressful situations during his career, but recalled that he had particularly fond memories of his assignment to the governors' conference in St. Louis. The extraordinary hospitality afforded to both he and his family by Governor Carl Gutierrez of Guam, to whom he was assigned, was incredible, he said, and something he said he would never forget.

Tim's remarkable career included numerous examples of heroic feats and more than his share of trials and tribula-

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tions. But, no matter the circumstances, you would always find Tim with a smile on his face. Tim is admired by those who know him and by his fellow troopers because of his positive attitude and his unfaltering religious faith. At Tim's retirement luncheon, Troop I commanding officer, Captain Lee Ann Kenley, told another story that exemplifies Tim's character. She was clearly touched as she explained that Tim testified at a hearing involving the subject who, while under the influence of bath salts, injured both he and several other officers. Following Tim's statements, the person told him he was sorry for his actions. In response, Tim looked at the suspect and calmly stated, "It's OK. I forgive you."

Tim and his wife, Kathryn, have moved to the Springfield area, where they hope to enjoy their retirement years. After such a full life, they also are looking forward to relaxing and having more time with to see their three grown kids, Zachary, Aaron, and Malissa.

Cpl. Bruce E. Kerr



Trooper Bruce E. Kerr, Troop A, retired from the Patrol on September 1, 2013, completing a career of over 32 years of law enforcement. He was born in Kansas City, KS. Bruce graduated from Smith-Cotton High School, Seda-

lia, MO, in 1977. He was a track athlete in high school and set several hurdle records. Bruce attended Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) for two years.

From 1981 – 1986, he worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a commercial motor vehicle inspector assigned to the E-1 weigh station, in Charleston, MO.

During Bruce's background investigation to become a Missouri state trooper, Todd Smith, a former Missouri state representative for Pettis County who went to high school with Bruce said, "Bruce was an excellent high school athlete; but always remained humble and modest regarding athletic achievements."

Bruce was appointed to the Patrol on August 1, 1986, as a member of the 58th Recruit Class. He graduated from the Patrol's Academy on January 23, 1987. Bruce's first assignment was Johnson County, Zone 16. Then-Corporal Randy S. Beydler (retired Troop D captain) was assigned as his field training officer. Bruce reported for duty on February 9, 1987.

During Bruce's career, he was assigned to the State Fair detail, assisted with President Clinton's visit to Kansas City, was assigned to the inauguration detail for Governor Bob Holden, and assisted the Kansas City Airport Police Department with the airport security detail after the 9-11 attacks. He was an instrumental member of the MU football detail in 1987, 1988, and 2008 through 2012.

In 1994, Bruce stopped a 51-year-old driver on U.S. Highway 50 in Johnson County for erratic driving. The driver was having difficulty breathing and Bruce recognized the dire need for medical attention. Bruce drove him to the hospital and was able to get him care within minutes. The driver underwent open heart surgery that same morning. In 1994, Bruce was recognized through "Those Who Serve" by the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association. In 1995, while Bruce was on the Troop A's Rural Major Case

Squad, he received a complimentary letter from then Pettis County Sheriff Gary Starke. Sheriff Starke expressed his appreciation for Bruce's assistance with a homicide investigation which was solved in four days. Two individuals ended up being charged with first degree murder.

On December 1, 1996, Bruce was assigned as a gaming agent at Station Casino. On September 1, 1998 while assigned to Station Casino, a 38-year-old male had a heart attack. He assisted a casino EMT and began CPR on the subject until Kansas City ambulance paramedics arrived at the scene. Bruce received a Lifesaving Award at the Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS' banquet in 1996.

He became assistant officer-in-charge at Harrah's Casino on August 1, 1999. Bruce transferred to Platte County on September 11, 2006. In 2007, Bruce assisted with Tour of Missouri, which was the first international professional bicycle race ever staged in Missouri. From 2008–2012, Bruce assisted with Special Olympics Heartland Winter Games in Weston, MO, giving out medals to the athletes. Bruce also participated in the Special Olympic Torch Run for the Platte County area, which consisted of eight miles.

He said he really enjoyed meeting President Clinton and working with many troopers during his career. Bruce plans to continue to make music after he retires. He is an exceptional pianist and plays mostly by ear. Bruce's instrument of choice is an electronic keyboard where he is able to create songs using the sounds of different instruments programmed into the keyboard. He plays the keyboard, piano, and organ for his home church, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, located in Warrensburg, MO. So, if you ever want to go hear Bruce play, drop by his church some Sunday morning.

Bruce stays healthy by bicycling and running. He is becoming an avid miniature golfer. Bruce has two grown daughters, Kayla and Tiara. He currently resides in Platte City, MO.

Retirement

Housekeeper III Paula K. Forshee



On September 1, 2013, Troop D Housekeeper III Paula K. Forshee retired after serving over 10 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Paula began her career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on March 9, 2003, assigned to Troop D Headquarters, Springfield, MO, as a Housekeeper I. She was promoted to Housekeeper II on March 9, 2004, and to Housekeeper III on January 1, 2009.

Paula, a native of Springfield, MO, attended Central and Hillcrest high schools. After high school, Paula was married and served as a homemaker for her two children. She later served as a bus driver for the Fair Grove and Willard schools and then worked for Walmart and Dillon's grocery, before her employment with the Patrol.

Paula performed her duties, without fail, in a conscientious, dedicated, and hardworking manner. In addition to her cleaning duties, Paula helped set up for special events at the troop, and she was always the first to start cleaning up. What set Paula apart are her kind spirit, her contagious, positive attitude, and a great sense of humor. No matter how busy she is or what task she is performing, Paula will always greet you with a warm smile and has a positive comment. She truly cares about people, as well as those she worked with, and the Patrol organization as a whole. Rarely did a week pass when Paula didn't come across the building intercom announc-

ing, "There's hot banana bread in the kitchen," or something else she had baked for the employees of Troop D. Often she was found assisting other employees in the building with tasks that may not have fallen under her job title, yet she was always willing to help. As it was once said, "Paula put the heart in this organization." While the Patrol has many dedicated employees, it would be challenging to locate one that was more caring, fiercely loyal, or willing to go above and beyond their assigned duties as Paula.

In 2013, Paula was a Troop D nominee for the Patrol's Civilian of the Year award for her outstanding work ethic, positive attitude, and for continually going above and beyond what is requested of her.

Paula's immediate retirement plans are to stay busy with her church, spend time with her two grown children and granddaughter, and help care for her elderly father. On Sunday mornings, Paula is best known at Macedonia Baptist Church, in Springfield, as the "pancake lady," due to her fixing pancakes for the youth each week. Additionally, Paula assists in the church by working in the library and gathering school supplies for underprivileged youth in the area. Her faith is expressed greatly in her actions and the way she treats others.

When asked about her time working for the Patrol, Paula said, "The years I spent at Troop D were very special to me. I was always proud to wear my uniform and tell everyone that I worked with the best people in the world."

At her retirement, a friend wrote Paula a poem recounting her time with the Patrol:

Not Just A Cleaning Lady

Often things happen, we don't understand.

Whether of our doing, or by God's plan.

Here's a nice story, I'd like to tell.
How my friend Paula, into the right job fell.

Her sister said, "You guys need her."
The interview went well, so she said,
"Yes, sir!"

Now the state patrolmen, who she cleans for each day,
Look up to Paula, in a very special way.

When needed, she's their mother,
grandmother, or friend,
And does all she can to their needs attend.

Keeps ice cream in the freezer, coffee in the pot,
Special treats she brings in, and spoils them a lot.

Her boys she calls them, but respects them as men,
And is always willing, a helpful hand to lend them.

These "Hero's of the Road," must feel the same way.
It's quite apparent, in all they do and say.

Paula feels she's become a part of their team,
And from all indications, that's how it would seem.

So, "just the cleaning lady," could never apply,
To this special lady, it's quite apparent why.

But, "just the cleaning lady," when asked she'll say,
Proudly knowing what a blessing, things turned out this way.

(Written by Marilyn Lanpher)

Paula has been a true asset to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Troop D family. We wish her a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Charles L. Brown
Corporal
Troop C

Retired July 1, 2013.
36 years of dedicated service.



Keith A. Jones
Sergeant
Troop G

Retired September 1, 2013.
27 years of dedicated service.

Brian L.
Thompson
Corporal
Troop G

Retired September 1, 2013.
29 years, six months of dedicated
service.



Karen S. Dawson
MVI Chief
Troop H

Retired October 1, 2013.
30 years, six months of dedicated
service.



Linda S.
Linnenbrink
Criminal History
Technician II
Q /CJISD

Retired October 1, 2013.
16 years of dedicated service.

DPS Honors Sgts. Hourihan, Suhr

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

"How many times do officers get a bulletin, read it, and put it aside?" said Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol. "These officers didn't do that. They got the MIAC bulletin and took the initiative. They reviewed hours of surveillance video from the casino, comparing it to the fuzzy picture of the suspects in the bulletin. Their work resulted in the arrest of the suspects. Congratulations to both of you on a great investigation."

The investigation the colonel referred to was one by Sergeants Tim J. Hourihan and Darryl C. Suhr, Q/GD. A bulletin from the Missouri Information Analysis Center described two subjects who had the propensity for violence and had detonated explosive devices in Southeast Missouri. Included on the bulletin were fuzzy pictures of the two suspects and a request for assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Sergeants Hourihan's and Suhr's work resulted in the arrests of two individuals.

Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee named Sergeants Hourihan and Suhr the November 2013 DPS Employees of the Month. In a ceremony on November 17, Director Lee presented each officer with a certificate and challenge coin. He also congratulated them.

"This is a classic example of sharing information between federal and state agencies," said Director Lee. "You went above and beyond the initial information and helped find

these two subjects. I have no doubt you saved lives."

Sgt. Hourihan said when the bulletin came through he actually remembered seeing the vehicle mentioned because its wheel covers were memorable. So, he was certain the suspects had been in the casino. He and Sgt. Suhr spent numerous hours over four days reviewing surveillance coverage and combing through thousands of computer entries looking for clues as to the identity of the wanted subjects. They located both individuals and positively identified them and their vehicle. As a result of their thorough investigation, the FBI arrested the suspects.

"We are charged with enforcing gaming regulations, executing criminal work on various properties, and completing background investigations for the Missouri Gaming Commission," said Col. Replogle. "Obviously, we investigate crimes occurring on the boat, in the casinos. But, our officers can also assist investigations outside the boat/casino. The two employees we are honoring here today are great examples of the type of criminal work we do on the boat and off the boat."

Col. Replogle then presented each officer with a challenge coin.

Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, also congratulated the officers. "It's not just a security spot. Gaming Division encompasses the kinds of things our troopers are supposed to be doing. There is some worthwhile, solid police work done there."

"I want to thank these two gentlemen for the work they do," said retired Lt. Col. and Missouri Gaming Commission Deputy Director of Enforcement Bill Seibert. "I don't think the public understands what gaming officers do. We have to have outstanding officers, because they handle a variety of investigations—some involve sophisticated financial crimes. These boats operate as large financial institutions and the troopers are our guardians to protect the public. It's crucial that we have the best officers providing enforcement."

"We have good people doing good work every day in the Gaming Division," Sgt. Suhr said.

Congratulations to both Sgt. Hourihan and Sgt. Suhr!



Col. Ron Replogle (l) and DPS Director Jerry Lee (r) congratulated Sgt. Tim Hourihan, Q/GD, and Sgt. Darryl Suhr, Q/GD, who were named DPS Employees of the Month for November 2013.

Deaths

N. Dale Mortensen



N. Dale Mortensen, 69, of Lincoln, MO, and formerly of Higginsville, MO, died on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, MO.

Born on Friday, September 24, 1943, in Kansas City, MO, he was the son of Alfred Mortensen and Myrtle Grace (Brieohl) Mortensen.

Mr. Mortensen worked as a motor vehicle inspector for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring in 1997. He lived most of his life in Higginsville, moving to Lincoln in 1997. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War from 1963-1967. He was a 1961 graduate of Higginsville High School.

He was a member of the Higginsville American Legion Post #223 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Lincoln.

Mr. Mortensen is survived by a sister, Carol Stosberg, of Higginsville; two nieces, Carol Harlan and Margaret A. Brown; one nephew, Howard Barnes; and several great nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents and two sisters, Eleanor Bruce and Margaret Barnes.

A military memorial service took place on August 22, 2013, at the Missouri State Veterans Chapel in Higgins-

ville. Hoefer Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Mortensen family.

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Charles E. Nichols



Mr. Charles E. Nichols, 83, of Jefferson City, MO, died on Monday, September 2, 2013, at St. Joseph's Bluffs.

Charles was born on January 17, 1930, in Cedar City, MO, the son of Louie Lee and Mary Alice (Neely) Nichols. He was married on April 13, 1955, in Jefferson City, to Alma R. "Amy" Miller, who preceded him in death on April 24, 2013.

A resident of the Jefferson City area for most of his life, Charles was a 1948 graduate of Jefferson City High School and worked briefly at Kroger Grocery Store after high school.

He served in the United States Army for over 20 years, retiring in 1969. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Charles was employed in the Finance Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at General Headquarters for over 15 years until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Roy Sone Post 1003; the American Legion, Roscoe Enloe

Post 5; and the B.P.O. of Elks, Lodge 513. Charles loved playing golf and tinkering with small engines and motors.

Survivors include: one son, Colin Nichols, and his wife, Laurie, of Jefferson City; one grandson, Collier Nichols, and his wife, Amber, of Jefferson City; one great-granddaughter, Addison Ruth Nichols; one brother, Ralph Nichols, of McMinnville, OR; four nieces, Carolyn Sue Love, Joyce Yeaman, Leann Polston, and Mary Lee Nichols; 13 nephews, Dean Nichols, Ralph Nichols Jr., Keith Nichols, Sam Nichols, Larry Nichols, Edward Nichols, Bill Goldammer, Terry Goldammer, Gary Goldammer, Dennis Goldammer, Dale Nichols, and Mike Nichols; and two cousins, Harold Dean Updegraff and Bill Updegraff.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Amy; one brother, Richard Nichols; one sister, Dorothy Goldammer; one niece, Linda Perkins; and one nephew, Donald Goldammer.

A private family memorial service was conducted at a later time. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Charles Nichols Memorial Fund. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Nichols family.

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“ See first. Understand first. Act first. ”

— General Russel L. Honore

Deaths

David E. Metzinger



David E. Metzinger, 68, died on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

He was born on February 18, 1945, in Buchanan County and preceded in death by his parents, Herman J. and M. Caroline (Hargrove) Metzinger; also a brother-in-law, Robert Duguid; and mother-in-law, Hilda M. Huber.

On September 14, 1969, he married J. Elaine Huber, of St. Joseph, MO. He was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 31 years, retiring as a chief motor vehicle inspector. For the last 14 years, he was employed by St. Paul Lutheran Church, of which he was also a member.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, of St. Joseph; three sons, Craig Metzinger (and his wife, Shelly), of St. Joseph, Jason Metzinger (and his wife, Kourtney), of Kansas City, and Bryan Metzinger (and his wife, Kate), of Atlanta, GA; two sisters, Evelyn Blythe (and her husband, Bob), of St. Joseph, and Eva Duguid, of Jacksonville, FL; five grandchildren, Rose Marie Jones (and her husband, Rodney), Joseph Metzinger, Rodney Metzinger, and Elizabeth Metzinger, all of St. Joseph, and Kaiden Metzinger, of Kansas City; as well as two sisters-in-law, Karen Huber and Sandra Huber, of St. Joseph; and several nieces and nephews.

Services took place on October 10, 2013, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, under the direction of Heaton Bowman Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. Interment occurred at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Paul Lutheran Church, American Diabetes Association, or the American Heart Association.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Metzinger family.

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Floyd Wright



Floyd Wright, 68, of Union, MO, died on Friday, October 11, 2013. Funeral services took place on Monday, October 14, at the Oltmann Funeral Home in Union.

Mr. Wright was appointed to the Patrol as a member of the 37th Recruit Class on September 15, 1968. He spent most of his career in the St. Louis area, assigned to Troop C. He retired September 1, 1996, after almost 32 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Wright is survived by one daughter, Tina Wright, of Nashville, TN; two brothers; and one sister. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Humane Society of Missouri.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Wright family.

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~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank everyone in this organization for the words of prayer and comfort after the death of my mother, Lillian Phillip. Mom was blessed with nine children, nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. What a legacy she has left us. I will never forget the kindness shown to me.

Thank you.

*DE Sprv. Midge M. Willm,
Troop C*

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We want to thank everyone for the cards, letters, prayers, and concern at the passing of Patti Benitz. The outpouring of care was tremendous and your attendance at the visitation and funeral was certainly appreciated. Patti never knew anything but the Patrol life, having a father on the Patrol (Ret. Sgt. Corky Cundiff) and being married to a trooper (Ret. Lt. Wes Benitz). She would have been proud of the send off.

*Ret. Lt. Wes Benitz and family
Ret. Sgt. Corky and Virginia
Cundiff*

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I want to extend my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, love, and support provided to our family throughout Jan's illness and after her passing. Words cannot express what they meant to us.

*Sincerely,
Captain Lance M. MacLaughlin,
Q/BPD, & sons (Bradley and Ian)*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails, flowers, thoughts, and prayers we received following the death of my stepfather, James Stone. We'd also like to thank those who attended the memorial service. The support we received from the Patrol was amazing and truly appreciated during such a difficult time.

*Clerk Typist II Sydney V.
Kendrick, Q/WPD*

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On behalf of our family, Tina and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in our Patrol family following the death of Floid

Wright. It was incredibly moving to see the uniformed officers at the funeral and at the cemetery, particularly as they all stood at attention and saluted. It still brings tears to my eyes and I will never forget it. These gestures are so appreciated. In particular, I want to thank Lieutenant Bob Wolf, Troop C. His outstanding kindness and attention to details throughout was so comforting and I will always be grateful. May God bless protect you all.

*Sincerely,
Helen Wright*

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Thank you for the concern shown to me when I was in the hospital and during my recent recovery. The prayers, care packages, balloons, cards, and telephone calls were all greatly appreciated. I've made a great recovery and continue to feel better with each day. Thanks to all.

*DE Chief Vicki K. Nelson
Troop G*

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Ret. DE Sprv. Don D. Horn - brother
DE Sprv. Midge M. Willm (C) - mother
Fiscal & Budg. Analyst II Cheryl A. Crocfer (Q/ICTD) - mother-in-law
Cpl. Kenny R. Sanders (D) - father-in-law
Garage Superintendent Paul R. Becker (Q/FFD) - sister
Crim. Hist. Tech. II Melanie R. Branson (Q/CJSD) - grandfather
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Tom A. Hoelscher (F) - brother
Ret. Lt. Greg L. Word - mother-in-law

Sgt. Jason N. Crites (E) - father
Capt. Lance M. MacLaughlin (Q/BPD) - wife
Ret. Sgt. Fred C. Howard - wife
Clerk Typist II Sydney V. Kendrick (Q/WPD) - stepfather
Ret. Lt. D. Keith Johnson - mother-in-law
Tpr. David L. Johnson (D) - grandmother
Ret. CVO R. Bernard O'Laughlin - wife
MVI II Donna F. Fields (A) - father

“ By the time we realize our parents were right, we have children who think we're wrong. ”

— Guillermo Hernandez,
from the book
“You're No Spring Chicken”
by Ed Fischer.

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Community Alliance Alumni Come To Our Rescue

By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C

November is a time Americans give thanks for all we have. Not just thanks for *things*, but for friends, family, and people in our lives who truly care about us. When the Missouri State Highway Patrol instituted the Community Alliance Program in 1999, few people realized how successful this program would be. Fourteen years later, we can see how inspiring this program really is.

As an agency, hundreds of people come into our nine troop headquarters every year. Our public information and education officers organize eight weeks of training for a select few. Over the years, many great relationships have been forged over the eight weeks of a Community Alliance Program. Citizens across the great state of Missouri have enormous respect for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Patrol, in turn, has developed strong and deep alliances with our citizens.

That relationship between the Patrol and Community Alliance Program attendees was exemplified during a recent tragedy. During the late afternoon hours on November 29, 2013, Trooper Jason A. Akers, Troop C, lost his house and personal vehicle in a fire. In addition, another member

of the Patrol, Trooper Joe D. Flynn, Troop C, was renting a room from Jason. Thus, Tpr. Flynn also lost all his personal belongings, including one of his vehicles.

Within hours of hearing about this terrible loss, members of the Community Alliance Alumni Association (citizens who have attended and graduated from the Community Alliance Program) jumped into action and provided many essential items. Jim Compton, former Troop C Community Alliance class member and Alumni Association board member, put together two large duffle bags full of personal items such as toiletries, snacks, flashlights, knives, Leatherman tools, gift food cards to Taco Bell and Subway, and many other personal necessities.

"We know what the men and women of the Highway Patrol do for us every day and this is the least we can do for you," said Mr. Compton. "We support you and we have your back."

On behalf of all the members and employees of the Troop C family, we give thanks at this time for all our friends and especially our dear friends within the Community Alliance Alumni.



The Community Alliance Program Alumni Association donated two gym bags of toiletries, snacks, and personal items to troopers who lost everything in a fire.